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SUBJECT: BULGARIA: SPECIAL 301 IPR ACTION PLAN DELIVERED

(U) On June 17, we delivered USG's special 301 action plan to Yavor Kolev, head of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior's Anti Cyber-Crime Unit. Kolev thanked the USG for the positive 301 Report and for its support for the anti-piracy unit that he heads. We delivered the action plan on June 18 to Gergana Tsareva, Director of Licensing and Registration Directorate, and to Diana Naydenova, Director of Foreign Economic Policy Directorate, both at the Ministry of Economy and Energy. Both directors praised the USG efforts to support Bulgaria's IPR regime through this plan. On June 22, we presented the action plan to Georgi Damyanov, Director of the Copyright Directorate at Ministry of Culture. Damyanov said he was positively surprised to see Bulgaria off the 301 watch-list this year and stated he hopes to see a reinvigorated IPR Council led by professional leadership within the next year. We expect that no major political action on IPR issues will be made before the July 5 general elections and the formation of a new government afterward.

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